(i) NAM Experts' Group Meeting on Population held in Bali, Indonesia from July 18—21, 1993.

(ii) NAM Experts' Group Meeting on Development Schemes to be held in Jakarta from September 13—16, 1993.

(iii) Meeting of Food and Agriculture Ministers of NAM countries in Indonesia in October, 1993.

(iv) Meeting of Population Ministers of NAM countries in November, 1993.

Government of India has actively participated in the follow-up activities of the SMC to promote the objectives of the meeting.

Fuel linkage to the Diesel Power Station, Reni Gunta

@@@4155C. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh or A.P.S.E.B. has sent a proposal to the Central Government for sanction of fuel linkage to the Diesel Power Station at Reni Gunta; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) LSHS is a de-canalised item and APSEB can make its own arrangements for import of LSHS to meet its requirements.

@@@Previously Unstarred question 3817, transferred from 24-8-93.

License for Foreign Hard Liquor Manufacturers

$4155-D. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have licenced foreign hard liquor manufacturer to manufacture their products in collaboration with Indian breweries; if so, the number of such foreign liquor manufacture licenced by Government;

(b) whether these foreign investors are allowed to use their trade names; and

(c) whether these Foreign companies would be allowed to advertise their products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Three foreign companies have been granted approval to set up joint ventures for manufacture of superior quality blended whisky and locally bottled scotch in collaboration with Indian partners. The joint ventures shall use the existing licenced capacity of their respective Indian partners.

(b) There is no specific indication to this effect in the approval letters granted to them. However, after the issue of Press Note No. 6 dated 14-5-92, regarding removal of prohibition on use of foreign brand names/trade marks for domestic sales, the use of foreign trade name is to be regulated accordingly.

(c) This would be regulated by the existing Government policy on the subject.

$Previously Unstarred question 4230, transferred from 26-8-93.

Survey Conducted by Indian Council of Medical Research

$$4155-E. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a nation-wide survey conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research (TCMR) has revealed high levels of a cancer causing fungal product, aflatonia, in some cereals, high levels of pesticide residues in Bovine Milk and the metals Arsenic, cadmium and lead in infant formula, canned fruit products and turmeric;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the presence of such elements in such articles is highly dangerous to the health of consumers; and

(c) if so, what steps Government intend to take to ensure that such elements are not present in food?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) The report indicates that—

(i) Out of 2,352 samples of cereals analysed for the presence of aflatoxin, 556 were found to exceed the permissible limits of 30 ppb. laid down under PFA Rules, 1955.

(ii) Out of 2,205 samples of Bovine milk analysed for gamma HCH, 608 were containing pesticide residues more than the prescribed limit under the PFA Rules.. But in case of DDT complex residues, all the samples were within the limit of 1.25 ppm., as prescribed under PFA Rules, 1955.

$$Previously Unstarred question 4458, transferred from 27-8-93.

(iii) The mean values of metals in canned fruit products, turmeric and infant foods do not exceed the maximum residue limit laid down under PFA Rules, 1955.

(b) Keeping in view the nature of contaminants, viz., pesticide residues, aflatoxin (fungal product) and metals such as Arsenic, Cadmium and lead, maximum tolerance limits have been laid down for them under the PFA Rules, 1955.

(c) The Food (Health) Authorities of the States/UTs have been altered to be more vigilant about the food contaminants and draw maximum number of samples of these food products for analysis and appropriate action.

कोलम्बो सांस्कृतिक स्वयोजना

$$$4155-च. **श्री रामदेव भंडारी** : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नेपाल के छात्रों का कोलम्बो/सांस्कृतिक/स्वयोजना के अंतर्गत भारत के इंजीनियरों और चिकित्सा कालेजों में नामांकन के लिए चयन की प्रक्रिया क्या है ;

(ख) क्या छात्रों का चयन योग्यता के आधार पर नहीं किया जाता है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो चयन के आधार का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद) : (क) काठमांडू स्थित भारत का राजदूतावास स्व-वित्त योजना तथा विभिन्न छात्रवृत्ति योजनाओं के अधीन एम० जी० बी० एस०/इंजीनियरी पाठ्यक्रमों के लिए नेपाली छात्रों से आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है एवं इन आवेदनों को अन्तिम चयन के लिए विदेश मंत्रालय के पास भेजता है ।

(ख) और (ग) अन्तिम चयन गुणावगुणों एवं अन्य संगत बातों के आधार पर विदेश मंत्रालय द्वारा किया जाता है ।

$$$पूर्वत: तारांकित प्रश्न 4475, 27-8-1993 से स्थानान्तरित ।

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Memorandum of Understanding (1993-94) between the Government of India and the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : Madam, I lay on the table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Coal) and the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited for the year 1993-94. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4451/93].

I. **The Motor Vehicles (Uttar Pradesh Amendment) Act, 1993 and related papers.**

II. **The Madhya Pradesh Motoryan Karadhan (Amendment) Act, 1993.**

III. **Corrigendum to the Audit Report (1991-92) of the Kandla Dock Labour Board.**

IV. **Notification of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Transport Wing)**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers :—

I. (a) The Motor Vehicles (Uttar Pradesh Amendment) Act, 1993 (No. 5 of 1993) under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Uttar Pradesh State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1993.

(b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4376/93].

II. The Madhya Pradesh Motoryan Karadhan (Amendment) Act, 1993 (No. 10 of 1993), under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Madhya Pradesh State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1993. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4377/93.]

III. Corrigendum to the Audit Report of the Kandla Dock Labour Board for the year 1991-92. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4378/93.]

IV. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Transport Wing) Notification G.S.R. No. 541 (E), dated the 10th August, 1993, publishing the Motor Vehicles (All India Permit for Tourist Transport Operators) Rules, 1993 under sub-section (4) of section 212 of